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SUBJ: METULA SITREP 15

USCG FOR CAPT WALLACE

SECSTATE PLS PASS TO NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

FOLLOWING METULA 15 WAS COMPILED FROM MESSAGES RECEIVED BY THIS
EMBASSY FROM COMMANDER THIRD NAVAL ZONE, CHILEAN NAVY, PUNTA
ARENAS, AND FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

METULA SITREP 15

AS OF 112355Z SEP 74

1. METUAL LEAKED SOME OIL FOR PERIOD OF FOUR HOURS TODAY. OIL
DISSIPATED RAPIDLY DUE TO SIXTY KNOT WINDS. NARROW STRIP OF
OIL EXTENDS LENGTH OF DUNGONES.

2. PATROL BOAT OBSERVATION ESTIMATES OIL WILL REACH TIERRA DEL
FUEGO ON 121200 LOCAL.

3. DR BAKER REVIEWING INVESTIGATION PLANS WITH PATAGONIAN
INSTITUTE. WILL INSPECT AREA OF POLLUTION ON SATURDAY.

4. HARVELLA ALONGSIDE BERGELAND AT 111050 LOCAL. FOURTH
LIGHTENING OPERATION OF METUAL WILL BE ATTEMPTED.

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5. PLANS FOR REFLOATING METULA NOW APPEAR MORE OPTIMISTIC.

OPERATIONS SCHEDULED TO START 21 SEPT AND COULD BE PROLONGED AS
FAR AS 25 SEPT. ATA COLO COLO WILL BE IN AREA DURING REFLOAT
TO ACT AS OBSERVER.
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